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SUBJECT: ASEAN PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS

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1. DFA'S ASSISTANT SECRETARY (IO), AMBASSADOR VERCELES, CONFIRMED TO EMBOFFS ON AUGUST 26 THAT ASEAN UNGA CONSULTATIONS WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY TAKE PLACE IN MANILA SEPTEMBER 1 AND 2. CONSULTATIONS WILL BE AT ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL, ALTHOUGHT THAIS ARE SENDING VICE FOREIGN MINISTER. EMBOFFS TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS IN DETAIL U.S. POSITION ON KOREAN QUESTION (SEPTTEL) AND TO REVIEW U.S. POSITION ON MIDDLE EAST, PUERTO RICO AND THE PANAMA CANAL ZONE.

2. VERCELES EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR U.S. VIEWS WITH WHICH HE WAS FAMILIAR FROM EARLIER PRESENTATIONS AND ASKED EMBOFFS CURRENT U.S. POSITION ON SRV UN MEMBERSHIP. POLCOUNS, WHO REVIEWED BACKGROUND OF U.S. VETO OF VIETNAM MEMBERSHIPS IN 1975, SAID WE HAD NO GUIDANCE ON U.S. POLSITIO THIS YEAR. VERCELES SAID QUESTION WAS BOUND TO ARISE DURING ASEAN CONSULTATIONS AND THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF HE KNEW WHAT
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OUR POSITION MIGHT BE. VERCELES ALSO DISCUSSED

GOP'S CANDIDACY FOR ECOSOC CLAIMING PROSPECTS VERY
"BRIGHT". IN ABSENCE OF GUIDANCE, EMBOFFS NOTED
THAT GOP REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR ECOSOC CANDIDACY
HAD BEEN REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT (SEE MANILA 10455).

3. ACTION REQUESTED: IF AVAILABLE, (A) INFORMATION
ON U.S. POSITION ON SRV UN MEMBERSHIP WHICH WE CAN
PROVIDE VERCELES PRIOR TO ASEAN UN CONSULTATIONS
AND (B) U.S. POSITION ON GOP ECSOC CANDIDACY.
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